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Amendment

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the "Brief Description of the Drawings" section such that it reads as follows:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a slicer including the belt tensioning device of the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a bottom view of the slicer of Fig. 1, with part of the slicer removed to reveal part of the belt tensioning device of the present invention;

Fig. 3 is a partial cutaway bottom view of the slicer of Fig. 1, showing part of the belt tensioning device of the present invention;

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Fig. 4 is a schematic representation of the belt tensioning device of the present invention, shown in an un-tensioned state;

Fig. 5 is a schematic representation of the device of Fig. 3, shown in a fully tensioned state;

Fig. 6 is a schematic representation of the belt tensioning device of the present invention shown in an alternate location and in its fully tensioned state;

Fig. 7 is an alternate embodiment of the belt tensioning device of the present invention shown in its un-tensioned state;

Fig. 8 is a perspective, partial cutaway view of a mixer including the belt tensioning device of the present invention; and

Fig. 9 is a schematic representation of an alternate embodiment of the belt tensioning device of the present invention.

Amend the first and second full paragraphs of page 4 such that they read as follows:

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The length of the spacer 44 and the spring constant of the spring 46 can be selected to ensure that the desired tension of the belt 30 is consistently and repeatedly achieved each time the belt tensioning device 11 is utilized. Accordingly, the belt tensioning device 11 of the